(b) The State Government has taken the following steps:-

(i) Dialogue with ANSAM to bring them to the negotiating table to find an amicable settlement to the issue.

(ii) Efforts were also made to mobilize various Non-Government Organisations (NGO) and civil society groups to impress upon ANSAM to come to a settlement.

(iii) The cases registered against persons, who committed arson, crimes etc. in connection with the economic blockade, are being investigated.

The Central Government is also keeping a close and constant watch on the situation in Manipur and providing all necessary assistance to State Government to deal with the situation.

China's help in eliminating Maoist activities in India

†3131. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has extended any sort of help in doing away with the ongoing Maoist activities in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) the consequential effect on Indo-Nepal relations, if India takes help from China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Kerala's assistance to Tsunami victims of Andaman

†3132. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Kerala had donated sufficent number of bamboos, for construction of intermediate shelter for earthquake and Tsunami affected people of A&N islands; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) what is the number of bamboos actually donated by the State Government of Kerala and what was the price of each such bamboo in the market at Kerala at the relevant point of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A total of 50,000 full bamboos were donated by the State Government of Kerala during January-February, 2005 for construction of intermediate shelters for earthquake and Tsunami affected people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The approximate market value of one bamboo at the point of time was Rs. 62.50

Shelters to Tsunami victims

3133. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tsunami victims have been provided with intermediate shelters at Chouldari, Namunaghar and bamboo flat areas in A and N Islands; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government of India to provide permanent shelter to all the tsunami victims living in the intermediate shelters of Chouldari, Namunaghar and Bamboo flat areas in A&N Islands.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tsunami victims living in intermediate shelters of Chouldari, Namunaghar and Bamboo Flat in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, who are recorded land holders, shall be provided with permanent shelters.

increased naxal-movement in tribal areas

3134. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have done any study on the increasing popularity of naxal-movement in tribal areas, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;